SCR42/ SR17

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REVIEW ITS ORDINANCES REGARDING THE MINIMUM DISTANCE WITHIN WHICH VEHICLES CAN PARK FROM INTERSECTIONS AND DRIVEWAYS.

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation State Senate
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Subject:

Testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42/Senate Resolution No. 17, Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Review its Ordinances Regarding the Minimum Distance Within Which Vehicles Can Park From

Intersections and Driveways

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has reviewed SCR No. 42/SR No. 17 and appreciates the opportunity to offer the following testimony.

Section 15-14.1(a)(3) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, which prohibits parking within an intersection, along the edges or curbsides around corners and in channelized areas of any two intersecting streets, prohibits parking up to the tangent point of the corner of an intersection where there is no crosswalk, stop sign, or traffic control signal. The DTS currently evaluates concerns relating to sight distance at intersections on a case by case basis and considers the installation of parking restrictions at corners where studies justify the need.

Section 15-14.1(a)(2) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, which prohibits parking in front of a public or private driveway or within four feet of either side of a public or private driveway, was established to ensure proper access for driveways as opposed to ensuring sight distance for egress. This standard was intended to balance the parking needs of the public/community while maintaining access for driveways.

DTS is willing to review its Ordinances regarding the minimum distance within which vehicles can park from intersections and driveways and make sure they reflect best practices including safety hazards associated with obstructed views.

Very truly yours,

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